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SUBJECT: INCHON ARBITRARY OUTPORT CHARGE

REF: SEOUL 5780; SEOUL 5707

1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED: KOREAN DELEGATION MET WITH FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION (FMC) COMMISSIONERS AND STAFF ON AUGUST 11. FMC REPORTS THAT KOREAN DELEGATION PRESENTED SLIDES DETAILING IMPROVEMENTS IN THE INCHON PORT AND RE-NEWED THEIR REQUEST TO THE FMC FOR ASSISTANCE IN REDUCING THE INCHON ARBITRARY OUTPORT CHARGE IMPOSED BY THE PACIFIC WESTBOUND CONFERENCE ON EXPORTS FROM THE U.S. WEST COAST TO KOREA.

2. FMC COMMISSIONERS AND STAFF TOLD THE KOREANS THAT THEY TOO ARE CONCERNED ABOUT THE DISCREPANCY BETWEEN THE PACIFIC WESTBOUND CONFERENCE'S \$10 ARBITRARY CHARGE AND THE \$4  
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ARBITRARY CHARGE IMPOSED BY THE FAR EAST CONFERENCE WHICH

SERVES KOREA FROM U.S- ATLANTIC AND GULF PORTS. FURTHER THE FMC IS CONTINUING ITS DISCUSSIONS OF THE MATTER WITH THE PACIFIC WESTBOUND CONFERENCE. THAT CONFERENCE HAS REPORTED TO THE FMC THAT IT WILL TAKE A "HARD LOOK" INTO THIS MATTER.

3, AT ONE POINT IN THE DISCUSSIONS THE KOREANS EXPRESSED THEIR DISPLEASURE THAT SOME CONFERENCE MEMBERS REFUSE TO SERVE INCHON DIRECT AND INSTEAD OFFLOAD INCHON-DESTINED CARGOES IN PUSAN WHILE IN THAT PORT. FMC CHAIRMAN HELEN DELICH BENTLEY REPLIED TO THE KOREANS THAT THE FMC CANNOT ORDER THE CONFERENCE TO SERVE INCHON ON A DIRECT BASIS.

4. FMC STAFF HAS BEEN INFORMED THAT THE TWO CONFERENCES WILL SEEK TO RESOLVE APPARENT DISCREPANCIES IN THEIR INCHON ARBITRARY OUTPORT CHARGES. END UNCLASSIFIED.

5. BEGIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE. IN THE MEANTIME THE FMC STAFF IS STUDYING THE TWO CONFERENCES' TARIFFS TO DETERMINE FURTHER THE TRUE EXTENT OF ANY DISCREPANCIES BETWEEN THEIR INCHON ARBITRARY OUTPORT CHARGES. END LIMITED OFFICIAL USE. ROBINSON

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